

01/29/2012  
3:00 p.m. EST

ActArcs Meeting

Attendees:

Shira Peltzman  
Dan Erdman  
Kelly Haydon  
Anna Perricci  
Yvonne Ng  
Marie Lascu  
Kelly Haydon  
Lindy Leong

Howard Besser

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Howard- Dallas Trip update

1. ALA invited librarians from OWS to give presentation- 4 of them presented

- challenged librarians on their idea of consensus
- Howard asked if as librarians they were concerned w/ preserving material created by Occupy movement- they said yes, but they feel they really haven't done enough to support archiving group

2. Went to General Assembly for Occupy Dallas- was asked to speak

- Talked about ActArcs activities- was asked if people could get hands on material we were working on etc.
- we need to have all this material up on our site and easily

accessible for all

- Kelly will put up sidebar widget
- Howard- have page geared specifically to Occupy people, with a sort of checklist of useful things for them

Yvonne- 7 Tips sheet feedback

- People want something more on-the-go reader friendly
- Something like Home Movie Day kit (**Does someone have a link for this?**)

National Call mention (minutes were sent out by Kelly)

- Internet Archive willing to give OWS Media group server space!

Collective Access- OWS/ Metadata spreadsheet

- Yvonne- Collective Access may not be the best way to go
- Tam/Wag- simple spreadsheet might be easier way to go

- Kelly- Having DAM and Collective Access will help us “sell” idea better to Media Group, having something to show them
- Anna- CA a starting place to get feedback
- Howard- spreadsheet may be better than having a learning curve w/ CA, \*having lightweight things that are highly accessible to people is more in line with the movement\*
- Yvonne- Omecca [what is this?] being used by Occupy Archives, easy to learn
- Kelly- concern is with maintaining the backend in the long term, need a metadata standard that is compatible with things like IA, or Archivist Toolkit etc.
- Howard- whatever is done needs to be exportable, construction of metadata fields and controlled vocab should consider what those standards might need, but we cannot control HOW people will fill out the fields (i.e. incorrectly)
- Archivist Toolkit is the higher standard to reach for because it requires more metadata than IA, less a question of syntax more a question of semantics
- \*One eventual destination is Tamiment collection- look at what they are using in Archivist Toolkit
- \*Kelly- What are the top 5 things we can ask people to deliver and deliver well, and then we can take care of the rest
- Howard- in the long run, think about separating out date fields (from file itself, when someone entered etc.) for verification purposes at some point
- Separate hashtag and twitter titles (important to movement, should be attached through metadata somehow, at some point)?
- Leave it up to working group to put in keywords and handles
- \*Metadata fields discussed:
  - Title, Creator?, Description, Keywords, Contact Email, Rights Info? (CC info), possible Event drop down menu, City/Place?

\*\*Kelly task- set up google form for OWS Media group to “turn in material”

-Because all the media files are everywhere, difficult to really designate file names

-Don’t know enough about Media Group workflow, need to discuss w/ Media Group

Vlad @Global Revolution

-has experienced law enforcement confiscating physical media

-nix on hard drives being kept with Legal Group (Wylie)

Anna on Demo Day:

- Guardian collaborating with Witness
- Two apps being worked on- 1. Obscura Cam- strips metadata 2. Informa Cam- adds information

- Obscura Cam encrypts data, and Witness has key to potentially obscured files
- After you obscure people you can delete original file
- You can delete faces entirely, pixilate, or add Groucho Marx stache...
- The People's Skype! One of many glorious projects presented at: <http://demo-day.org/>

Potential public forum Feb 5- details still being finalized

Kelly- knows a rehearsal space on 43<sup>rd</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> that could be used

Last Sunday Archive Work Group meeting:

- Vision for archive discussed
- Exhibition is the main goal for most people- exhibit history of movement to the people
- Still discussing Tamiment- reminded that it is a public archive
- Michael Nash stressed they will be archived alongside most important movements of the last century
- People who had reservations seemed to come away feeling a bit better
- Occupiers will stay in touch with records at Tamiment
- Tamiment does not = NYU politics
- Updated OWS work group on ActArcs activities

Best Practices: dead or alive?

- Let's work with what we have, put it up in sections on the website as we go along
- Kelly already has web page w/ links to each section of page
- Have it as living document
- What does finished look like?

Projects:

- Metadata Report- something to show to Media group and others
- Best Practices- make it work
- Archive It feed (thread?)
- Why Archive postcard
- Activist metadata standard/ data dictionary (off of report)
- Act Arcs Kit (look at Home Movie Day kit- **seriously what is this?**)- Kelly will start Googledoc

What to have done before next meeting: Forum at 2pm??, Meet at 3pm until further notice

- Howard 5 question for Media Group
- Kelly Google doc
- Brainstorm for National Preservation Week: April 22 (after Orphans)
- Shira will talk to Jeff Richardson for Wed April 25, 6-8 pm
- Website- Project Task section (grab a task and do it)
- Marie will post minutes on site (if technologically possible)

Side note: Kelly will try to take on OWS archive collection for Collection Mgmt class

Godspeed.